

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Linda Melkersman, an esteemed resident of Scott County, Missouri, will be honored as one of five proud recipients of the 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Awards during a special presentation by Governor Bob Holden to be held February 13, 2002, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, presented each year by the Missouri Arts Council, the Missouri Arts Awards recognize individuals, art educators, businesses, and other organizations for their contributions to the arts industry and the profound effect they have upon the cultural climate of Missouri; and

Whereas, an advocate for the arts whose enthusiasm and love for art overflows into her work at school and in her community, Linda Melkersman currently serves as an Art Teacher at New Madrid County Central High School where she has provided students with the knowledge necessary for a post secondary education, gone above and beyond the call and nature of her teaching assignment to help her students, and formed the National Art Honor Society Chapter at New Madrid County Central High School; and

Whereas, throughout her impressive tenure as an educator, Linda Melkersman has utilized her own life experiences to enhance her classroom and has been instrumental in writing Missouri Arts Grants to take her students to the St. Louis Museum and to bring accomplished artists to her classes; and

Whereas, Linda Melkersman is credited with staging an exhibition of 150 pieces of artwork done by elementary school children from all over the world, and implementing both a Saturday Art Session in Ceramics and "Art in the Park" for school children, where various artists showcase their work in woodcarving, welded sculpture, children's bookmaking, watercolors, and wire sculpture; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the New Madrid County Central High School Teacher of the Month award in 2000, Linda Melkersman has compiled an enviable list of service to several organizations including the National Art Education Association, the Missouri Art Education Association, Sikeston Missouri Arts, the Bootheel Regional Art Guild, and the Sikeston Missouri Depot Museum:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Linda Melkersman at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Award recipient Linda Melkersman.

Offered by _____
Representative Peter C. Myers, Sr.
District No. 160

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker